Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF SECRETARY

In the Matter of

Broadband Personal Communications Services C Block Auction and Grant of A and B Block Licenses

PP Docket No. 93-253 ET Docket No. 92-100

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OPPOSITION TO EMERGENCY MOTION TO RESCHEDULE C BLOCK AUCTION

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Cook Inlet Region, Inc. ("CIRI"), by its attorneys, opposes the Emergency Motion to Reschedule C Block Auction ("Petition") filed on August 2, 1995 by the Rural Ad Hoc PCS Consortium ("Consortium"). To proceed as suggested by the Consortium is contrary to the stay entered by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and would risk further administrative and judicial delay of the C Block license awards.2

The Court's Order stays those portions of the Commission's Rules adopted in the Sixth Report and Order "allowing all applicants to utilize the 49 percent equity exception . . . "3

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Omnipoint Corporation v. F.C.C., No. 95-1374 (D.C. Cir. 1995) (Order Granting Motion for Stay, July 27, 1995) ("Stay Order").

^{2.} Petitions for Review of the Commission C Block auction rules have also been filed with the Court by Radiofone, Inc. and QTEL Wireless, Inc. In addition, QTEL filed with the Court an Emergency Motion for Stay and has moved the Court to expand the Stay Order to include review of the issues in QTEL Petition for Review.

Stay Order at 1.

Despite this phrasing, the Consortium urges the Commission to proceed with an auction in which the 49 percent equity applicants would participate. The Consortium fails to explain how its proposal would be consistent with the terms of the Stay Order.

CIRI strongly agrees with the Commission and the Consortium that further delay in the auction process is harmful to competition and to business concerns preparing to bid for C Block CIRI is eager to see the Commission's auction begin as soon as possible in accordance with law. However, to proceed in violation of the Stay Order would undermine and delay the achievement of that primary goal and would expose the Commission to the ire of the Court.

For these reasons, CIRI urges the Commission to deny the Emergency Motion to Reschedule C Block Auction.

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^{4.} Petition at 3-4.

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